

REMARKS

Upon entry of the Amendment filed on January 12, 2006 and the present Amendment, claims 2-5, 7-9 and 11-14 will be all the claims pending in the application.

In the Advisory Action dated January 30, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the allowability of claim 9 was withdrawn because the Examiner considers the pulse laser of DeVoe operating at 76 MHz to be a pulse laser beam having a "repeating frequency" of 1 Hz to 80 MHz." *See* col. 5, line 62 to col. 6, line 3 of DeVoe.

The present invention uses a pulse laser beam having a repeating frequency of 1 Hz to 80 MHz. In addition, the repeating frequency of the pulse laser used in the present invention is preferably within the range of 10 Hz to 500 kHz. Claim 9 has been amended to recite that the pulse laser has a repeating frequency of 10 Hz to 500 kHz.

DeVoe does not disclose a repeating frequency of 10 Hz to 500 kHz, as agreed by the Examiner during the telephone interview of March 13, 2006.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-5, 7-9 and 11-14 is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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